March 29, 2004

4th Sunday of Lent

Mon., March 29, 2004
Mass – No Mass
Office Hours – 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
7:00 pm – Lay Ministry Formation meets

Tues., March 30, 2004
Mass –No Mass
Office Hours – 9:00 am – 12:00pm
7:00– 8:30 pm – Boy Scouts meet

Wed., March 31, 2004
Mass – 5:45 p.m.
Office Hours – Closed
9:00 – 12:00 - Food Pantry
6:00 pm – Youth Meal
7:00 pm – Youth Formation Classes

Thurs., April 01, 2004
Mass -7:00 a.m.
Office Hours - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
6:30 – 8:00 pm – Girl Scout Leaders meet

Fri., April 02, 2004
No Mass
Office Hours – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
6:15 pm - Soup Supper
7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

Sat., April 03, 2004
Fifth Sunday of Lent
8:00-9:30am - Men's Group Meet
9:00 - 10:30am - Share Distribution
9:00 - 12:00 noon - Food Pantry
4:00 - 4:30 - Reconciliation
Mass - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 04, 2004
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mass – 8:00 am

9:00 am - Coffee/Donuts

9:15 am – Youth Formation Class

Mass - 10:30 a.m.

3:00 – 4:00 pm – Eucharistic Adoration

Followed by Evening Prayer

7:00-Confirmation

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. (John 10:27-30)

SPARKS FROM MARK:

As we enter the Good Friday Liturgy we are reminded to that the Church, in this sense, our worshipping space, is fasting as well. The Church environment is bare and very simple, calling us to enter and encounter the passion of Christ with out distractions.

The liturgy begins with silence and spoken prayer, followed by the liturgy of the Word; scripture, silence, psalmody, scripture, silence, gospel acclamation, the proclamation of the passion, homily, and more elaborate form of the intercessions. The cross is then carried solemnly in procession and then is venerated by all. The liturgy concludes with the simplest of communion service and the liturgy ends, as it begins in silence.

Remember the liturgies of "Triduum" or "The Three Days" are really one liturgy beginning with Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and ending with the great Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday.

One of the things that I look forward to in the Good Friday Liturgy is the Veneration of the Cross. To spend sometime at the foot of the cross in sorrow, knowing to that my sinfulness put Jesus there and yet at the same time in thankfulness for Jesus offering his life for the salvation of the world.

The *Sourcebook for Sundays s and Season* put out by Liturgy Training Publications suggests as away to venerate the Cross is in bare feet or stocking feet. "A beautiful, powerful gesture on this day is for all ministers-indeed, all the people-to come to the cross barefoot or in stocking feet. It calls to mind several images: Isn't the holy cross like the burning bush" Isn't this place holy ground? We read in the powerful words of Song of Songs, "We have removed our shoes and washed our feet, a preparation for entering our bath of baptism".

Sundays During Lent:
3:00 – 4:00 pm – Eucharistic Adoration followed by Evening Prayer

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Prayer Corner: *Please remember in your daily prayers:*
Rose Ann Cartney - improved health
Trish Kostel - improved health
Justin Judy - improved health
Joshua Weaver - improved health
Elaine O'Donnell - for healing
Judi James - for healing
Matthew Bearden - improved health
Eric Denekamp - improved health

STEWARDSHIP
February 21 - 22, 2004
General Collections

*Loose-	$1,005.58
*Envelopes-	$3,812.00
Votive -	$32.20
*Student -	$158.62
Adopt a Seminarian	$25.00
American Bishop	$55.00
Other	$152.00
Total	$5,258.41

The Finance Committee has discovered a variance in the "Year to date Budgeted" that has been published in the bulletin verses the budget that the committee actually put together. However, "Year to date actual" is correct. The committee will refine the reporting method during their April meeting. A financial statement will be available for the 3rd quarter following the April Finance Committee meeting.

Mothers wanted who are willing to lead Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 3:00. Help will be provided on how to lead stations. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the Church

Anyone who would like to donate money for Easter flowers , please leave a donation at the office. If you would like to donate flowers, we would like them at the church no sooner than Holy Saturday morning but before 2:00 in the afternoon. Thank you for your generosity.

"The Passion" Movie Discussion
Please join us for a discussion of "The Passion" Friday evening April 2, following Stations of The Cross and Palm Sunday April 4, after 8am Mass. A good starting point in preparation for the conversation is to read one or more of the actual passages on the Passion from the Bible: Mt 26:1-28:20; Mk 14:1-16:20; Lk 22:1-24:53; Jn 13:1-20:31 and on the exodus and wilderness journeys Ex 12:1-13:10; Num 28:16-31; 29:12-38; Deut 16:1-17. Topics of the discussion will be on the: Passion, Image of Jews, Role of Mary and the disciples, private revelation, Jesus' resurrection and the sacramental nature of the movie.

1st Communion Parents
Dates to remember:
Thurs., April. 22 7:00pm
Reconciliation Service

Altar Server's Meeting, Saturday, April 3rd @ 10:30 am. We will practice the use of the incensor. For more information, please call Ken or Kathy Van Asma, 787-6218.

OLBH WOMEN'S ENCOUNTER
will be Tuesday, April 13th, 7pm. There will be a video "A Fathers Embrace" by Kimberly Hahn. All are invited. For more info, please call Kathy Van Asma.

RING RING…
If you have bells that you would like to rung during the Gloria at Holy Thursday Mass, please feel free to bring them. We will also ring bells during the Gloria for Easter.

Blessing of the Easter food/baskets will take place on Saturday, April 10, at 11:30am. Please bring your food for your Easter dinner or your Easter baskets to be blessed by Fr. Mark.

Adoration on Holy Thursday: Would you spend a little time with Christ? We are looking for volunteers to spend some time during adoration after Holy Thursday mass beginning around 8:30 pm until night prayer at 10:000pm. A sign up sheet is at the back of the church.